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The ELI Weekly

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Volunteer Day

Help others while helping yourself!

This Saturday, July 13th, we will be holding our second **Volunteer Day** of the semester. This is your chance to help out the community while practicing your English in a real-life environment.

When: Saturday, July 13th. See below for meeting times.

Cost: Free! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. You should bring water to each volunteering activity.

Wilmot Gardens: We will help out around the garden with weeding and planting flowers. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:30am.

Little Orange Creek: Help us clean and keep Little Orange Creek beautiful. Learn about plants, animals, weeds, and historical sites like cemeteries. Meet at Norman Garage at 8:45am.

Guardian Angels Service Dogs: We will help clean the area both inside/outside, the dogs' crates, etc. We may even help out with the dogs and watch them be trained. Meet at Norman Garage at 9:00am

Project Downtown Gainesville: Join the Islamic Center and help feed the

homeless in the downtown Bo Diddley Community plaza. Meet at Norman Garage at 12:30pm.

Emeritus: Come out to Emeritus and engage the elderly residents with fun conversation and/or games. If you are interested in playing music and have an instrument please sign up! Meet at Norman Garage at 1:30pm

Please sign up on the Activities Board for your choice of activity by 4pm on Thursday, July 11th but don't sign up for an activity if it is already full. Arrive **ON TIME** at Norman Garage! If you have any questions about any of the activities, see Chris in the CIP Office, Room 318.

Let's make this a memorable day!

The Next Trip

Next weekend, we will be going to **Clearwater Beach & the Aquarium**. Bus passes are on sale now. To buy a bus pass, you will need to bring \$28 in cash, exact change, and your Gator 1 ID card to the CIP Office in Norman 318 between the hours of 9:00am and 12:30pm. Details about the trip will be on the Activities Board and in next week's *Weekly*.

University and College Admissions Workshop

We will be having the University and College Admissions Workshop on Friday, July 19th, during the Grammar block. Representatives from Santa Fe College and the UF Graduate School will present and be available for questions, but the overall purpose of the workshop is to provide general information and advice about the admissions process to US schools.

Seminar 1:

When: 11:10am to 12:00pm

Where: Undergraduate in NRN 260

Where: Graduates in NRN 270

Seminar 2:

When: 12:30pm to 1:20pm

Where: Undergraduate in NRN 260

Where: Graduates in NRN 270

Please do **NOT** miss your grammar class! Attend during a time when you are not in class.

Student Voices

Students, the time has nearly arrived! Please start sending in your *Student Voices* submissions to mpjimenez@ufl.edu

Remember to include your name, RW class, and a title for your piece. You can submit anything that you'd like to see in writing, such as paragraphs, essays, recipes, plays, poems, etc. The final due date is **July 26th**!

Daryl Out

Daryl will be out of the office from July 16th to July 18th. If you need to see him, please make an appointment before he leaves. While he is away, you can make an appointment with Megan or Patti but if possible, you should wait until he returns.

Birthdays

The following are ELI birthdays from July 8 to July 14:

Students:

July 8: Mohammed Alassaf

July 9: Chen Ji

July 10: Adel Mansi Alanazi

July 10: Maria Sarmiento Silva

July 11: Sami Alshammari

July 12: Stanislaw Wentowski

July 13: Khalid Al-Buhendi

Staff:

None this week

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Manners and Culture

Q: Why do the American people wear flip-flops a lot?

A: This one's a classic "Gainesville" question. People all over the US wear a wide variety of shoes. Because we are in Florida and it's very hot, people here tend to wear the most comfortable shoes for the temperature and that happens to be flip-flops and sandals.

Grammar

Q: What's the difference between separable phrasal verbs and nonseparable phrasal verbs?

A: In last week's *Weekly*, I described what phrasal verbs are so this is a continuation of that question. First there are two basic types of verbs in general: verbs that can have an object and verbs that can't. The phrasal verbs that can have an object can be divided into two more types, separable and nonseparable. Separable phrasal verbs can have the object after the particle (the thing that looks like a preposition) or before it. If you use a pronoun instead of the object, the pronoun will go *before* the particle. Nonseparable phrasal verbs can only have the object *after* the particle.

Verb with object: I ate a burger.

Verb without object: I sat. I sat on my chair. ~~I sat my chair.~~

Separable phrasal verb: I handed in my essay. I handed my essay in. I handed it in.

Nonseparable phrasal verb: I just got over the flu. I just got over it. ~~I just got it over.~~

Q: Why can I say one hundred or hundreds but not two hundreds?

A: You can say *dozens, hundreds, thousands*, etc. only to refer to indefinite amounts. Otherwise, we never make any number plural. How many does each sentence below express?

I bought a dozen eggs.

I saw dozens of people I knew at the party.

Quote of the Week

I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday. And lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson



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